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## HUNGER STRESSES WHEAT ROLE AS STAFF OF LIFE

### First Leader Despatch From Farm Delegation

#### ALL OF MEMBERS LOOKING FORWARD TO LONDON EVENT

Exchange of Views of Farmers of  
Many Countries Bound to  
Produce Good

#### CANADA'S UNIQUE PLACE

Will Be Country at Conference  
Whose Agriculture Depends  
Most on Exports

By Hon. J. E. BROWNLEE,  
K.C., LL.D.

Editor's Note: During and subsequent to the sessions of the international farm conference in London, The Western Farm Leader plans to publish a number of despatches direct from the conference, and dealing with impressions of Britain and possibly of Europe. The first despatch by Mr. Brownlee was written shortly before the delegation sailed from Britain.

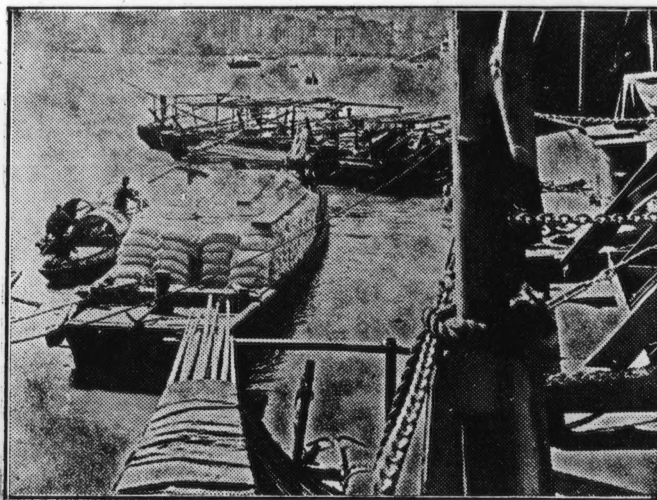
When the Canadian delegation to the International Farm Conference at London, England, assembled at Montreal to take the boat train to Halifax, it presented quite a formidable appearance. Some twenty persons were assembled in all, including official delegates, advisors and press representatives. Every Province in Canada was represented, excepting the Maritimes. One delegate representing New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will join the delegation at Halifax. Alberta was represented with three in the party—Ben Plumer of the Alberta Wheat Pool; R. H. M. Bailey representing the Canadian Dairymen's Association and the writer, representing United Grain Growers, Limited.

That the gathering is regarded as an important one was shown by the fact that three representatives of the press were present. It is understood that *The Country Guide* already has one of its staff in London, in the person of P. M. Abel, who has recently visited several European countries on behalf of that magazine.

#### Paramount Question

All the members of the party were looking forward eagerly to the Conference which the National Farmers' Union of England has called for May 21st to 30th. That many countries will be represented is already assured. The exchange of views of farmers from various countries of the world is bound to result in a great deal of good. The paramount question is whether an International Organization will be set up to deal with the international aspects of the farm movement. It is not likely that the Conference will try to deal with questions of policy; it will content itself largely with setting up the organization and constitution of the new movement. Canada has a unique place in the International Association, as it is the

#### Flour From UNRRA Arrives in Shanghai



Millions are dying in Europe and Asia from the effects of hunger, but the production of the farmers of Canada and other surplus producing lands will save many millions. In the above picture flour from UNRRA is seen on its arrival in Shanghai. Moored off the famous Bund, the S.S. *Marine Star* is unloading its cargo into lighters for transfer ashore. Vast quantities of grain are needed in China and India; and to prevent mass starvation in Europe a million and a half cereal grains a month are required. "Hunger in Europe is a matter of degree; no one has enough to eat", declared E. R. Hanson, leading UNRRA official, in Washington recently. The need for clothing is also urgent. A clothing collection throughout Canada for UNRRA is being organized, and everyone will be urged to give.

#### F.A.O. Meets May 20th

With a view to co-ordinating efforts to meet world food needs next winter, and throughout the year 1947, a meeting of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, has been called for May 20th.

#### Expect Co-op Harvester Combines for Sask.

Thirty-three carloads of eight-foot Co-op harvester combines are scheduled to arrive in Saskatchewan during May, state C.C.I.L. officials. These machines will be sold to members only, and the limited supply will be allocated as fairly as possible.

#### CO-OP WOULD RECOVER OIL

Co-operatives in the U.S. are launching a fight to secure leases to recover oil from beneath the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

only country where agriculture is so entirely dependent upon export trade. One of the unusual features of this delegation is that the Canadian Broadcasting Commission is represented. It is likely that the farm broadcast next fall and winter will reflect the interest which has led the Commission to send a representative along with the delegation.

#### OTTAWA ACCEPTS ADDED ACREAGE AS RESPONSE TO NEED

Life of Combined Food Board  
Extended Because World Food  
Situation Deteriorated

CONTINUES TO DEC. 31st

Gardiner on Export of Dairy Cattle  
—Gives Figures—Beef Cattle  
Situation Reviewed

By M. McDOUGALL  
(Special to *The Western Farm Leader*)

OTTAWA, May 13th.—The increase of slightly over 3,000,000 acres in the area being sown in wheat in Canada this year is accepted here as a natural reply to the insistent plea from suffering peoples abroad for more food to keep them from starvation.

Never has the fact that bread is the staff of life been brought out more clearly. Estimated increases in Alberta planned wheat sowings are 955,000 acres, in Saskatchewan 1,905,000 and in Manitoba 405,000 acres. The increase in the spring wheat belt of the Prairie Provinces amounts to 3,265,000 while there is a decrease of 230,000 in the Ontario winter wheat acreage.

While the added acreage in wheat is being made at the expense of oats, barley and summerfallow, oats sowings being down 5 per cent and barley 8 per cent, it is pointed out here that farmers as well as agricultural officials are fully conscious of the importance of keeping as high as possible the

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New Zealand's wheat flour extraction was increased from 73 to 80 per cent on May 1st.

Closed to commercial shipping since 1939, the port of Churchill will this year handle six shiploads of wheat.

#### Winds Blow Out Ontario Onion Seedlings



It is not only parts of the prairies that suffer from blowing of high winds. Winds recently blew out 75 per cent of the seedling onion crop in Erieau marshes, south of Chatham, Ont. Tony Marluck, a young farmer, is seen standing knee deep in drifted soil. Farmers have now replanted the crop but loss is very heavy. The fine soil was blown for miles and covered many houses and farm buildings.

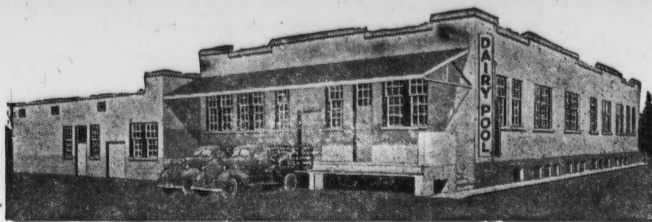
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## SOUTHERN ALBERTA DAIRY POOL SECTION



### BEEKEEPERS PROGRESS

By W. G. le MAISTRE, Provincial Apiarist

NOTE: In this most interesting and informative article on Beekeeping Progress, Mr. le Maistre touches upon some of the difficult problems which face the small producer. Although he does not say so in words, it is clearly implied in his article that the safest and best way of marketing honey is through co-operative organization. We wish to express our thanks to Mr. le Maistre for his valued contribution.

*Wm Burns*

PRESIDENT.

**D**URING the last five years, beekeeping in Alberta has developed tremendously. In 1940 there were about 2,000 beekeepers who produced about 2,000,000 lbs. of honey from 20,000 hives. In 1945 there were about 10,000 beekeepers who produced 6,000,000 lbs. of honey from 64,000 hives.

#### Some Inherent Problems

The rationing of sugar and preserves, the better prices obtainable for honey,

and the increase in acreages of clovers (bee pastures) have all contributed to this development. While this development is altogether desirable, there are some inherent problems which derive from the very nature of the stimulus.

There are many beekeepers lacking experience in hive management and the packing and marketing of honey. The agencies serving the industry, such as suppliers of equipment, bees and marketing, are also relatively inexperienced, particularly in taking care of themselves under adverse circumstances. An industry, that "just grew" like the Topsy of legend is likely to run into difficulties when the stimulus that has built it up is removed.

The production and the per capita consumption of honey in Alberta have increased in the last six years. Production can continue to increase, and to the advantage of the country; but it will only do so as long as there is a demand for honey at prices that give the producer a fair return. It is the responsibility of the whole industry, which includes not only the producer but the supply and marketing agencies, to take steps to maintain a healthy condition in it.

#### Producers' Responsibility

The producer's responsibility is the most important and most complex because he may be his own manufacturer of equipment, the manager of his hives, the packer of honey and the retail seller.

He must scrutinize his purchases of bees, equipment and buildings carefully to ensure that he is not over-capitalized. At present prices this should not be in excess of \$25 per hive. He should be able to arrange his work so that the hours expended per hive are few—one man can operate about three hundred hives, except perhaps at extracting time. He must be very meticulous in packing his honey, selecting the correct size and type of container to suit the market to which he sells. And above all, the quality of the honey and the way it is strained must be faultless. A system of grading and classifying honey and marking the container is available to all producers, and should be adopted by them. The public buying honey has a right to know what it is getting for its money and this is one of the most important factors in encouraging a wide and continued use of honey.

#### Promoting Sales

When the beekeeper has gone as far as he can in setting his own house

in order then he can and perhaps should tell the public of the virtues of his product.

The small beekeeper, who retails his honey, details his customers and does an individual job of selling. The larger beekeeper cannot contact his customers this way. He can promote sales and advertise his honey on a nation-wide scale if he is prepared to support the activities of organizations capable of performing this service. There is a very definite plan being launched to undertake this very thing through the agency known as the Canadian Beekeepers' Council. To support a honey advertising campaign will cost money, though if fairly apportioned over all beekeepers, it would not be too great a burden on any one or any group of beekeepers. Any industry as large as the beekeeping industry appropriates large sums of money to promote the sale of its products because it pays to do it.

#### Putting Out Acceptable Pack

The beekeeper can do a great deal to stabilize his business by maintaining the good demand for honey through putting out an acceptable pack and advertising it. Nobody else will do this for him. His competitors are doing it for their products, and if he is to maintain his position in what may be a very competitive market in the future, he will have to do something about it.

A well-trained force of salesmen backed by an advertising program is common practice with manufacturers of most foods. These foods are clamoring for the housewives' dollars. There are some forty thousand beekeepers selling honey in Canada. Unfortunately they are not all trained salesmen. Advertising background is at present being supplied by the rationing system. When this free advertising is withdrawn, another form should be introduced to maintain public demand at levels that will prevent the whole industry from slipping back to depression-time levels.

#### Equipment and Marketing Agencies

The responsibilities of the equipment suppliers are to make the beekeepers' needs readily available to him when he requires them and at prices that will permit the producer to operate profitably. Overburdened, inefficient producers are poor customers and worse risks. Similarly, marketing agencies can only function efficiently when the producer is getting fair returns for his money. The producer breaks faith, contracts and markets as soon as he feels he is not getting proper treatment through his agent. To satisfy the producer stabilizes the the marketing agent's business, whether it be a wholesaler, retailer, jobber or other packing business.

In summary it may be said that Alberta beekeepers, with help of the agencies through which they deal, have already made a valuable contribution to agriculture and food production. They have in their hands the means to further develop the industry, but they should take positive action to ensure full application of good business principles.

Day-old chicks and hatching eggs were recently forwarded to Mexico, by air, by the United Farmers Co-operative Co., of Ontario.

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# Atomic Energy and World Government

By Dr. LEOPOLD INFELD

Editor's Note: The commission of the United Nations on atomic Energy Control, on which Canada is represented, will meet at an early date. Canada is a major source of uranium, and it is her right and duty to exercise an important influence in the determining of policy in this field. The authoritative articles by Dr. Leopold Infeld, of which the third is published below, are therefore most timely. The series is published in The Western Farm Leader by arrangement with the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, 230 Bloor St. West, Toronto 5, who first printed the articles in the form of a booklet under the above title. Other important booklets may be obtained at the nominal price of 10 cents each, from the Institute.

## Part Three

### Atomic Bomb and International Relations

THE effect of science upon the history of the last hundred years can hardly be exaggerated. Science created industry; the creation of industry changed the social structure of nations.

The resulting search for markets shaped international relations. Physical distances on our globe have shrunk to hours, and may shrink, in the future, to minutes. The search for coal or oil may become as antiquated and useless as battleships or tanks. From the perspective of a United World, talks and squabbles about towns and territories seem the concern of men whose eyes are fixed upon the past. The immense perspectives that science has opened before us are matched only by the equally rich and unlimited perspectives in social and international relations.

We are facing disaster if the global and revolutionary character of science does not teach us a global philosophy of social and international relations.

#### The Sacred Trust

We may wish to preserve the world as it is. Men who are determined to do it may be governed by a sincere conviction that our world is not ready for the advent of atomic power. Thus the obvious conclusion: we must keep secret the results achieved by our scientists. To make this decision sound more lofty, it may be claimed that atomic energy is a sacred trust given by Providence to the English-speaking nations.

It is difficult to proceed with a discussion on an emotional level and to use moral arguments which can be given different meanings. Let us rather descend to the ordinary commonsense level. It appears that the duration of such a sacred trust will hardly exceed two years. What can we gain during these two years, even if we are the only trustees of the great secret?

The sacred trust must create mistrust. The accumulating pile of atomic bombs must create hatred. There is sense in collecting these atomic bombs only if we force their use in the next year or two. They mean nothing for defence, they mean everything for aggression.

But aggressions are never committed by democracies. In a democracy no war can be waged until the people know that war is inevitable. In convincing our own citizens that war means defence, that war must be waged, we must stir up hatred, and in doing this we may lose precious time and give warning to the enemy, who may strike first. In a world governed by the philosophy of a sacred trust, no nation will be able to trust another.

#### Science and Secrecy

There is one more difficulty with the philosophy of the sacred trust. Although it is less emphasized it is of the utmost importance to every scientist, and to the future development of science.

General Groves writes in an intro-

duction to Smyth's report:

"All pertinent information which can be released to the public at this time without violating the needs of national security is contained in this volume. . . . Persons disclosing or securing additional information by any means whatsoever without authorization are subject to severe penalties under the Espionage Act."

This means that Professor Smyth's official report defines the upper limit of what the public, and even the scientist who does not do secret atomic work, may know about the latest developments in using atomic energy. To know more is a crime.

#### Destroy Spirit and Ethics of Science

Almost every scientist will say, and some have said it already, that such a rule would destroy the spirit of science from which he profited in the past, and the ethics of science that he has learned to respect. There is no stimulus in scientific work if its purpose is kept secret, and free research changed into mechanical assignments. The war forced scientists to accept just that, to proceed with the job and not to ask too many questions. In normal times a scientist was happy to find a sympathetic listener with whom he could discuss his work, methods of attack, results achieved. But during the war he had his lips buttoned by the oath of secrecy, and he could discuss his problems only with the designated co-workers, and only to a well-defined extent. The old, most common question among scientists "on what are you working now?" became the worst exhibition of bad taste, almost a crime.

Scientific papers of any practical importance ceased to appear in journals and were circulated privately by government agencies to those who did secret work in that special field. We must admit that all this was necessary in time of war, but we must also be aware that this colossal structure of secrecy contains all the germs that, in the long run, destroy scholarship. Science dies through secrecy, and flourishes only through free work

and free exchange of ideas. In times of war these destructive influences are counteracted by patriotic zest, by the richness of facilities put at the disposal of the scientist by the state, but the germs of destruction, if not removed in time of peace, may kill our scientific heritage. Science cannot breathe in an atmosphere of conspiracy.

#### Public Opinion and the Sacred Trust

For those who, like myself, were brought up in a country where public opinion counts for little, it is always a source of joy and surprise to see how freely spoken or printed words can influence public opinion, and how in turn public opinion influences the actions of governments in a democracy.

After the two atomic bombs were dropped upon two Japanese cities, many authoritative arguments were put forward against the theory of the sacred trust, for outlawing the manufacture of atomic bombs, and for disclosing its secret to the United Nations Organization. For the first time, many scientists left their beloved seclusion and spoke to the people. They were divided among themselves, but many of them voiced their con-

victions with unmistakable clarity, calling for international co-operation, and for abandoning the race for atomic weapons.

Let us quote the words of Albert Einstein, the greatest living scientist, in an interview with Gram Swing in the *Atlantic Monthly*, November, 1945:

"Since the United States and Great Britain have the secret of the atomic bomb, and the Soviet Union has not, they should invite the Soviet Union to prepare and present the first draft of a constitution for the proposed World Government."

"That action should help to dispel the distrust which the Russians already feel because the bomb is being kept a secret, chiefly to prevent their having it."

"After the great powers have drafted a constitution and adopted it, the smaller nations should be invited to join the World Government. But the Big Three should go ahead to organize the World Government, whether the smaller nations join it or not."

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## IRRIGATION AND LIVESTOCK WATERING

News that the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration will be granted \$10,000,000 for expenditure on irrigation and livestock watering projects in Western Canada this year is welcome. Some \$750,000 of the total, according to Hon. J. G. Gardiner, the Minister of Agriculture, will probably be spent on construction work required for the St. Mary River development, which was described in this paper some weeks ago.

Cost of survey and engineering work in connection with the Red Deer diversion, and also irrigation work in the neighborhood of Medicine Hat, as well as other surveys—one for the location of a site for a dam on the South Saskatchewan River, will account for the remainder of the \$10,000,000.

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Much of the work that is now to be undertaken has been long overdue. Under wartime conditions it could not be proceeded with; but in the general interest of the Dominion as a whole and of Western Canada in particular, it is desirable that these engineering enterprises shall be completed without unavoidable delay.

Their completion will mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of primary production upon great areas of highly productive land—highly productive, as long experience has shown, whenever moisture is adequate. The number of head of livestock that can be raised in these areas can be most substantially increased, when the new stock watering facilities are provided.

To the farm people who have carried on in good seasons and in bad, who have endured hardship during long periods of drought, and reaped exceedingly abundant harvests when rainfall has come in sufficient quantity—to these staunch citizens who, whatever the turn of fortune, have never lost faith or confidence in the ability of their lands to support prosperous communities, the construction of these public works will come as the fulfillment of long thwarted hope.

For example, the "William Pearce Scheme", for which the people now organized in the East Central Irrigation Association have fought for decades, is at last to become a reality in engineering construction—though, of course, as is well known, the plan differs widely in an engineering sense from the original.

We think that the work on this undertaking should be expedited. It should be given a top priority in the Government's engineering program.

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## "THE STORY OF WHEAT"

A new and revised edition of *The Story of Wheat*, by L. D. Nesbitt, has recently been issued by the Alberta Wheat Pool. It contains all of the major features which made the earlier edition an indispensable compendium of information for all, whether they be farm people or urban citizens, who wish to form a clear picture (without the necessity of extensive heavy reading) of the significance of wheat in the economy of the world, the nation, and our own wheat growing Provinces. Important new statistical material is to be found in the booklet, as well as a description of "World Food Plans" and of "Trends in Wheat Pool Policies", to mention only one or two of the many section headings.

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## MUCH ADO ABOUT A LOAN

"In actual cash", the *Christian Science Monitor* points out editorially, the proposed United States

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*I am encompassed by so many cares,  
So crowded with small labors are my hours,  
I hear but echoes of the world's affairs,  
The waxing and the waning of its powers.  
The written word I dare not pause to read,  
The spoken word my weary mind rejects.  
My thoughts are bonded to the moment's need,  
And every dream some pressing task reflects.*

*It grieves me that this course I must pursue  
When fain I would the wider conflict share.  
Yet all the very humble things I do  
Are needful to my household's daily care.  
And for my body's ease I make no plea  
Though wishful that my spirit might soar free.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

loan to Great Britain, concerning which there was much pother in the Senate, and about which there will no doubt be much more in the House of Representatives, "AMOUNTS TO WHAT AMERICA SPENT ON TWO WEEKS OF WARFARE."

In other words, if the war had lasted two weeks longer than it did, the treasury of the United States would have been called upon to raise just as much money from the taxpayer, as Congress may advance—and may not—to the Ally who, almost alone except for the aid of the Dominions, held the pass against the Axis from September, 1939, to December, 1941.

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In the light of these figures we suggest that the actual debt, even when the relatively small total of the proposed loan is made available to Britain—if it is so made available—will still be a debt owed to the British people, rather than a debt owed by them. That, certainly, would be the case if equity had dictated the terms of the financial relationships between these Allies.

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There is another aspect of the matter to which the *Monitor* calls attention: "When your best and biggest customer goes bankrupt through extraordinary efforts in the community cause, if you are a good banker you don't drive him out of business unless you want him to set up a hostile outfit. You help him to get back to a healthy position once more. A financially healthy Britain can mean a billion-dollar customer to America. A financially crippled Britain means economic warfare, rival spheres of influence, closed markets, and inevitable political consequences. . . . Surely the loan is not an excessive amount to ease the economic barriers and expand multilateral trade, which even the opponents of the loan agree are prime American interests."

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Some of the words of that editorial from a great United States newspaper, might be pondered with profit by those few members of the Canadian House of Commons from Quebec, who opposed the extension of a loan to Britain by this Dominion. By their opposition they showed themselves unmindful of Canada's own best economic and financial interests.

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## FLUCTUATION UNDESIRABLE

"Any measure that intensifies fluctuations of farm income is of very dubious benefit to farmers." —*New Republic*, New York.



## POST-WAR CHRONICLE

May 2nd.—Arabs, rejecting Anglo-American Palestine recommendations, threaten uprising. Stalin says international reaction "hatching plans of



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1946.

May 4th.—U.S. presses for broadening scope of foreign ministers' conference; Russia insists German, Austrian settlement, be left to later date.

May 5th.—French election results in rejecting new one-chamber constitution. British, French troops withdrawn from Syria. Arabs call one-day strike in Palestine, ask Russian intervention.

May 6th.—Foreign Ministers' conference deadlocked on Yugoslav-Italian border question. Truman calls for military collaboration with other countries, including Canada.

May 7th.—Britain to withdraw troops from Egypt; Churchill violently opposes. UN security council informed by Iranian Ambassador to U.S. that Russian forces quitting Azerbaijan. Foreign Ministers decide Transylvania to be restored to Romania. Mussert, Holland's chief quisling, executed. U.S. army to be reduced to one million in 1947. New highway system, new "satellite" towns to be built in Britain. Between 10,000 and 12,000 German prisoners of war still in Canada.

May 8th.—First anniversary VE-Day. Russians absent from UN council discussions on Iran; matter deferred to May 20th. Soft coal strike slows up industry in U.S. Nearly all foods shorter in Britain than a year ago. Combined Food Board to be continued until end of year. U.S. short on overseas wheat commitments, is Washington report. U.S. Foreign Secretary Byrnes proposes general peace conference of 21 nations, June 21st, says Paris despatch.



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## The Western Farm Leader LEGAL DEPARTMENT

By HON. J. E. BROWNLEE, K.C., LL.D.

*Paid-up subscribers may submit questions to be answered free of cost in this section, but not by mail.*

**Action Under Agreement for Sale**  
Mrs. T. F.—A vendor under an Agreement for Sale has the right to bring action for cancellation of the agreement at any time if the purchaser is in arrears in his payments. If the action is successful the purchaser loses the land. Usually the courts are reluctant to order cancellation until the payments are considerably in arrears. We would be better able to advise you if we had a statement as to the present standing of the agreement.

Usually we advise a sale which calls for cash payments rather than crop payments. It is often very difficult to get an accurate statement as to the amount of the crop grown each year from which can be calculated the vendor's share. Thus the vendor might have difficulty in showing that the purchaser is in arrears in payments. If you do sell on a crop-payment basis, you should in your agreement set out a definite date on which the full amount of the purchase price becomes due.

May 9th.—Molotov rejects U.S. date for general peace conference; suggests foreign ministers meet again June 5th. United States of Europe advocated by Churchill, in Amsterdam address. King Victor of Italy abdicates in favor of son, Humbert. Canadian farmers seeding three million acres of wheat more than last year, is Ottawa estimate. U.S. to invite Russia, Britain, France, China, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Egypt, Mexico, Holland, Poland, to see atomic bomb test.

May 10th.—Italian Leftists oppose Humbert; plebiscite on monarchy to be held June 2nd. U.S. Senate approves British loan.

May 11th.—Brig. Lister acquitted of charges of misuse of Netherlands property, in Canadian court-martial, Amsterdam. U.S. accepts Russian demand for \$100,000,000 Italian reparations, conditionally. Chinese factions sign truce in Shantung province.

May 12th.—British-Indian negotiations break down, announced in Simla; another attempt to be made to reach agreement. Sinking of *Athenia* was error, submarine crew mistook her for cruiser, says Doenitz, at Nuernberg. Truman should order rationing meat, butter, cheese, perhaps bread, urges U.S. Stabilization Director Bowles, unless famine relief prospects improve quickly.

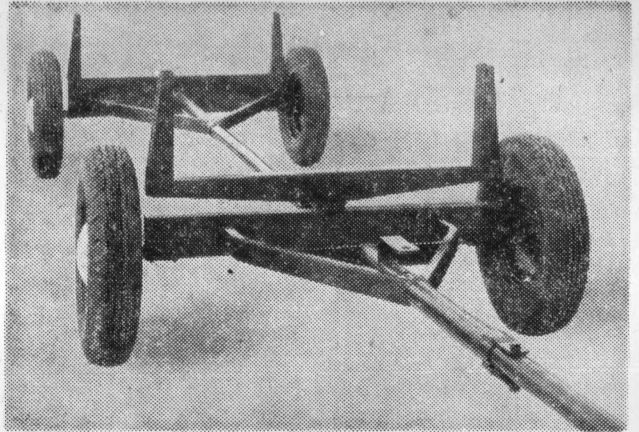
May 13th.—Fifty-eight officers of Nazi Mauthausen horror camp sentenced to death, by general military court. Japanese defence counsel questions authority Far East Court to try war criminals. Franco regime, aided by Germans, working on atomic bomb, charges Spanish government-in-exile. Civil war threatened in Iran.



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May 14th.—Byrnes suggests Foreign Ministers adjourn until June 15th, after considering German question; wants general peace conference in July. Russia will back Arabs if Palestine question taken to UN, says Damascus.

May 15th.—Molotov expected to agree Byrnes' proposals for adjourned four-power meeting and general United Nations peace conference; Iranian troops said marching north, towards Azerbaijan.

# NABOB

*Tea as it should be*





# Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow"

Will Be Guest Speaker



Ben S. Plumer (above) will be guest speaker at the Annual Convention of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool to be held at Alix on Tuesday, June 18th. Mr. Plumer is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool and Director for South Calgary. Born in Chadwick, Illinois, in 1889, he came to Alberta in 1911 and settled

in the Bassano district. He owns 640 acres of farmland there and a 320-acres irrigated farm at Brooks; also 5,000 acres of rangeland.

Mr. Plumer has been a Director of the Alberta Wheat Pool since it was formed in 1923. He has been active in the United Farmers of Alberta for over thirty years and is widely known throughout the Province as a leader in farm organizations.

Shortly before coming to Alberta, Mr. Plumer married Miss Florence McCleary. They have six children—three boys and three girls. The eldest son, Ben Jr., was a Flight-Lieutenant and operated a Mosquito bomber during the war, downing five German planes and gaining the Distinguished Flying Cross. A second son, Bill, also completed his Pilot Officer's course.

Mr. Plumer is a member of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Wheat Pool and also on the Board of Directors of the Alberta Seed Growers Co-operative Association.

A new beet sugar factory, the third for the Province, is to be erected by Canadian Sugar Factories, Limited, near Barnwell, at an estimated cost of \$2,250,000.

## Tribute to a Great Co-operator



In a few weeks' time we shall be celebrating the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of our Dairy Pool at Alix. It is fitting that we should remember in an especial sense at this time the great co-operator to whose energy and enterprise and goodwill and faith in the ability of the farm people to carry on their own dairy enterprise, the founding of our Pool and its growth and success over a period of many years was so largely due. The above picture of Mr. Larsen was taken in his office in the Dairy Pool plant at Alix in 1933, during the period when he was General Manager of the Pool.

NIELS A. LARSEN was born in Denmark, and was therefore naturally endowed in the finer arts of Dairying, as well as a co-operator.

Mr. Larsen commenced operations at Alix, Alberta, in the creamery business as a private operator, and was very successful in the undertaking. During the time he was in business he was looked upon as being one who knew all the angles of the trade, and was considered an authority on all sections of creamery operations.

### In Early Days at Alix

In his early days at Alix, he specialized in selling butter in one-pound prints to the consumer direct, and in this field he went into the mail order business. This grew into quite a substantial thing, orders being received from many points in British Columbia, and outlying points of Alberta, for 14 and 20 pound lots. Finally this method grew to be a little cumbersome; although it had been instrumental in establishing the brands and thus built up a demand for the branded product. Under the changed conditions the sales were made through retailers, instead of direct to the consumer.

Mr. Larsen confined his efforts strictly to business. He had no particular hobby or other form of recreation, unless perhaps it

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## ANNUAL MEETING

Our Annual Meeting will be held in  
ALIX

**Tuesday, June 18th, 1946**

Business Session commencing at 10-00 in the morning.

in United Church

### Annual Dinner

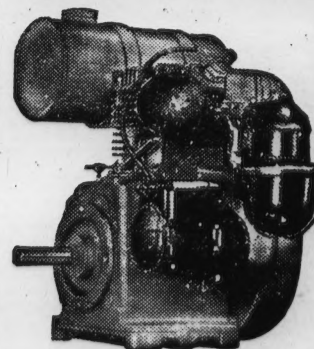
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Guest Speaker: Mr. BEN PLUMER  
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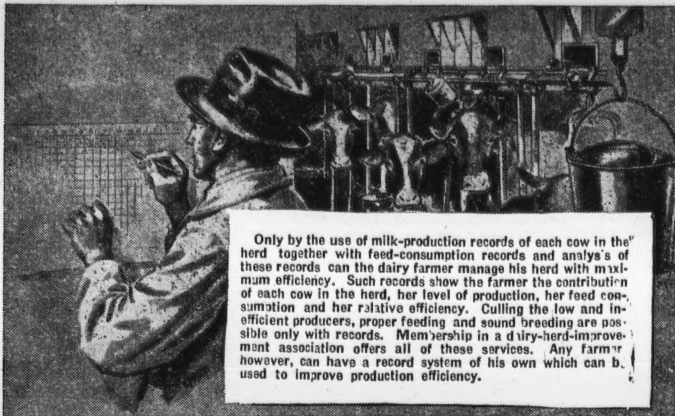
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## POOL'S OPERATING SURPLUS \$79,693.93 LAST FISCAL YEAR

Equalization Adjustment Payments for Financial Year Show  
Total \$5,160.12

Operating surplus of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool for the financial year ended December 31st, 1945, was \$79,693.93, it is announced by the Board of Directors. Equalization adjustment payments for the year will be \$5,160.12, as compared with \$20,163.07 for the previous financial year. It is thought that equalization final payments in the coming year will be less. According to the present basis of operation, payment of market price is made on delivery, and any surplus accruing is distributed by means of participation certificates (reserve share certificates). By this means the redemption in cash of outstanding participation certificates in the hands of older members is effected. Operations are now on such a basis

that not more than six yearly participation certificates are in the hands of members.

### TRIBUTE (continued from page 6)

was reading—he did enjoy that.

After his business at Alix had become well established, Mr. Larsen decided to offer the enterprise as a going concern to the farmers to operate for themselves as a Co-operative Creamery, and to put this over successfully, a considerable amount of organization work had to be undertaken. Here again was where he was in his element.

Having succeeded in putting the idea over, the next problem was how to set the thing in motion, so a plan was evolved, whereby Mr. Larsen offered to operate the business for the co-operating farmers as their Manager on a salary basis, plus the profits on the non-members' cream shipments, while he in turn would pay his pro rata cost of operation. He also loaned the organization \$10,000.00 free of interest, to be used as working Capital, and turned the buildings and machinery over to the co-operators on a rental basis, the rent being based on the appraised value of the entire business, this figure being arrived at through the efforts of independent appraisers. This figure also became the basis for sale agreement.

### Father of Co-op Dairying

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool is not the only baby in Mr. Larsen's Dairy Co-operative family, as the Southern Alberta Dairy Pool also owes its birth to him, and it is a generally accepted fact that Mr. Larsen can rightfully claim to be the Father of Co-operative Dairying in Alberta. The industry has expanded beyond all expectations as a Co-operative enterprise, due undoubtedly to the foundation upon which it was built and the unique manner in which it was originally fostered.

It was unfortunate that Mr. Larsen arrived at a stage when he felt the time had arrived for him to relinquish the driver's seat, but this is a natural thing in the exist-

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## Central Alberta Dairy Pool

ence of us all. It was no easy matter to find a successor to such a leader, but all obstacles can with perseverance be overcome, and with the fine example set by Mr. Larsen, the task of carrying on successfully became that much lighter than it would have been, had the foundation not been properly laid.

The Central Alberta Dairy Pool, as it stands today, is therefore a living monument to the man who had the foresight and technical ability to get it established, and he undoubtedly takes great pride in knowing his efforts have been

crowned with success, and also in knowing that the organization is still prospering.

### Between Friends . . .

By THE FIELDMAN

At the invitation of the Home Glen (West of Ponoka) Local of the A.F.U. we were asked to send a guest speaker. Mr. Stan Laycraft, the manager of our Ponoka creamery, and myself made the trip.

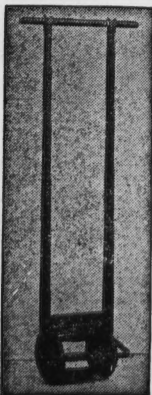
### Splendid Turnout

Although this is the busy season for the farmer, there was a splendid turnout. Mr. Olsen was acting President, with Mr. Jensen as Secretary, and a lively meeting ensued. At the

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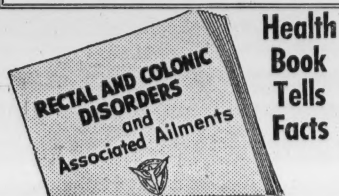
### ATOMIC ENERGY (Continued from page 3)

These words are one of the many attempts of men of good will to remove distrust and fear from our world of today.

#### Truman-Attlee Declaration

The Truman-Attlee-King declaration, issued on November 15, 1945,

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marked the first official break with the theory of the sacred trust. It is worth a detailed analysis, since it was undoubtedly form a milestone in international relations. This declaration is a mixture of lofty humanitarian ideals and tactless, ambiguous phrasing, both confused and confusing.

The first two points emphasized rightly the dangers of atomic power in war and their blessing for peace. But already in these points we find the phrase "... the progress we have made in the development and use of atomic energy demands that we take an initiative in the matter and we have accordingly met..." How much stronger would these introductory sentences sound if the quoted phrase had been omitted! Does not everyone know that the two atomic bombs that exploded over Japan had a clear imprint "Made in U.S.A."? What is gained by the "rub-it-in" policy?

The third point emphasized rightly the importance of prevention of war.

The fourth point started with the phrase: "Representing as we do the three countries which possess the knowledge essential to the use of atomic energy we declare..." Thus the "rub-it-in" policy was again at work. The declaration itself—at this point—was vague, dealing with generalities about interchange of scientific ideas for peaceful ends.

The fifth point read (in part): "We believe that the fruits of scientific research should be made available to all nations, and that freedom of investigation and free interchange of ideas are essential to the progress of knowledge. In pursuance of this policy the basic scientific information essential to the development of atomic energy for peaceful purposes has already been made available to the world..."

What was meant here by the words "the basic scientific information..." has been made available to the world? If it meant the con-

### Court Decision Victory for Public Ownership and Power Co-operative

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Public ownership of electric power won a great victory in the Supreme Court decision, handed down early this month, that the Federal Power Commission's approval of a co-operative development project took precedence over a State refusal. The project, planned by the First Iowa Hydro-Electric Co-operative, includes flood control and power development on the Cedar River.

tents of papers written by Einstein, Rutherford, Hahn, and others, then it was hardly fitting for Truman-Attlee-King to take any credit for it. If it was the Smyth report, then the heavy hand of military censorship took care that nothing of any practical value would leak out. Besides, as the title indicated, the report dealt with "Atomic Energy for Military Purposes". The only important information "made available" by our Governments was that two Japanese cities were destroyed by atomic bombs. But we could hardly praise our statesmen for not keeping this information secret.

#### Where Language Becomes Plain

Fortunately the language became clearer and more concrete in the sixth point:

"We have considered the question of the disclosure of detailed information concerning the practical industrial application of atomic energy. The military application of atomic energy depends, in large part, upon the same methods and processes as would be required for industrial uses."

"We are not convinced that the spreading of specialized information... would contribute to a constructive solution... We are, however, prepared to share, on a reciprocal basis with others of the United Nations, detailed information concerning the practical industrial application of atomic energy just as soon as effective enforceable safeguards against its use for destructive purposes can be devised."

At least here the language was plain. It said, and rightly so, that there is not much difference between industrial and military research; only the use is different. The statement is true on the atomic level just as well as on the level of familiar facts; the same knife may cut bread or a human throat.

In the next three points the authors envisaged the steps that the United Nations Organization should take to promote exchange of scientific ideas and to outlaw the manufacture of atomic bombs. (All will be found in the Declaration on Atomic Energy made by the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and the Prime Minister of Canada, November 15, 1945, "Canada Treaty Series, No. 13.—King's Printer, Ottawa, 25c.)

#### Foreign Ministers' Decision

The next step towards a solution on the international level was the decision reached by the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Great Britain, and Russia, meeting in Moscow in late December, 1945. They agreed to sponsor, with the consent of China, France, and Canada, a resolution at the first session of the United Nations' General Assembly to set up a commission that would consider international problems arising out of the discovery of atomic energy. This the General Assembly accepted on January 24, 1946.

The Commission for the Control of Atomic Energy has the same membership as that of the Security Council of the United Nations with the addition of Canada as a permanent member whether or not she has a seat on the Council. The Commission has

### Sales Expand at U.F.A. Co-op Store, Medicine Hat

With sales totalling \$86,826.86 for the first six months of the financial year (which runs from Nov. 1st to Oct. 31st) the Medicine Hat branch of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Association has every prospect of establishing a record before the year ends, it was indicated at the Annual Meeting of the branch in Medicine Hat on Tuesday. The total up to April 30th was almost exactly half of the figure of \$173,657.30 for the full year that ended October 31st, 1945, but the six months still to come are those in which, according to previous experience, sales are likely to be most heavy. Norman F. Priestley, General Manager of Central, and R. M. McCool, supervisor of stores, attended the meeting. Highest sales this financial year were in April, when the total was \$18,113.33.

powers of inquiry and recommendation only.

#### Four Objectives Set Forth

It will make specific proposals to the Security Council on how to gain the following four objectives: (1) the promotion between nations of the exchange of basic scientific information for peaceful uses; (2) the provision of a control system limited to securing the use of atomic energy for peaceful purposes only; (3) the elimination of atomic weapons and other major instruments of mass destruction from national armaments; (4) the setting up of suitable methods of inspection and other devices to secure the nations against the hazards of violation. Reports by the Commission will be made public unless the Security Council decides publicity would endanger peace and security.

The Foreign Ministers envisaged a solution being reached by successive stages, world public opinion being educated presumably to accept one step at a time.

Unfortunately the process of setting the problem of atomic energy by the United Nations Organization may take a long time. The declarations assume implicitly that for such a time the secret will be in the possession of the United States, Great Britain, and Canada. If this assumption proves entirely wrong, we shall see once more how those who govern fail to foresee the near future.

#### The Road Ahead

The ultimate goal is clear before us to outlaw war and to live in peace. No one knows what steps and how many of them will lead us to the final aim. The Truman-Attlee-King declaration, the deliberations of the Foreign Ministers of the United States, Great Britain, and the Soviet Union, in Moscow in December, 1945, the U.N.O. Conference in London in 1946, brought new progress along the road to understanding.

The problem of atomic energy is much more important than that of Balkan countries, Indonesia, Greece, Iran. It is the heart of the problem of international co-operation. If atomic war is outlawed, if no country manufactures atomic bombs, if international fred research is re-established, then co-operation on other problems must and will come.

No international treaties will disperse fear of another war as long as the atomic race goes on and as long as atomic secrets are jealously watched.

If we look at our world realistically we see that the perfect understanding, the security of eternal peace, can today be no more than a Utopian dream. At this moment progress can be achieved only by compromises; slow but steady progress is better than the dreamy inaction of a perfectionist. Nothing will be gained by a philosophy that the world will go to pieces because it is still governed by fears and power-politics. Nothing will be achieved by the self-righteous attitude that others are in the wrong and that it is the Russians who must make concessions. Equally dangerous



## Delegates to International Farm Conference



Representing the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, a delegation of 13 farm organization executives from various parts of Canada, are to attend the international conference of farm organizations from allied nations which opens in Church House, London, England, on May 21 for ten days.

Among other nations to be represented are the United States, whose four national farm organizations will have delegates; Australia, New Zealand, France, Den-

mark, Norway, The Netherlands, Southern Rhodesia, Brazil, Kenya, Luxembourg, Greece, and Liberia. The conference objective is the formation of an international federation of agriculture through which the farm producers of the world may speak with one voice.

The delegation from the Canadian Federation of Agriculture shown above, are as follows, reading from left to right:

Top row—H. H. Hannam, president and managing director of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture; W. J. Parker, Winnipeg, first vice-president of the Canadian Federation and president Manitoba Pool Elevators; J. A. Marion, second vice-president, and president l'Union Catholique des Cultivateurs de Québec; R. J. Scott, Belgrave, Ont., a director of the Federation and of the United Farmers' Co-operative, of Ontario; W. H. McEwen, Moncton, managing director Maritime Co-operative Services.

Second row—J. H. Wesson, Regina, president Saskatchewan Wheat Pool; Alex. Mercer, Vancouver, general manager Fraser Valley Milk Producers; Ben Plumer, Calgary, president Alberta Wheat Pool; R. H. M. Bailey, Edmonton, president Dairy Farmers of Canada; R. S. Law, Winnipeg, president United Grain Growers.

Bottom—W. M. Drummond, head of the faculty of economics, Ontario Agricultural College and economic advisor to the delegation; Kenneth Betzner, President Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Waterloo, Ont. C. G. Groff, Ottawa, secretary, Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

is the belief that the Russians are always right.

#### May Save the Day

The English genius for compromise, even for muddling through, may save the present day. But above that the living generation must have faith that the advent of atomic power will some day bring security and happiness to the One World of tomorrow. We must not lose this distant vision.

The problem of atomic energy stands and will stand for years to come in the centre of all our technical, social, and international problems. On the technical side we are faced with a revolution much greater than that brought about by the advent of electric power. The vision of atomic power and of complicated factories run by control machinery only, faces us with a social revolution; it may start in our lifetime. Its end may see the working class dwindling to an extremely small proportion of our population. On the international scale the results and compromises achieved may mean the difference between war and peace and this in turn may mean the difference between life and death, not of one nation alone but of our entire planet.

#### Concerns Every Canadian

This problem then vitally concerns every Canadian. The atomic revolution which we have envisaged can and will affect our lives. Moreover our country is no mere spectator, but, as a permanent member of the United Nations' Atomic Control Commission, must and will participate actively in the settlement of all political problems involved. Her voice will be as decisive and important as that of any other Great Power. This places upon our leaders and ourselves an international responsibility which we have never before had.

If we wish to contribute towards international peace we must learn to face the issues and then infect others with our good will and understanding. The future of the world does not depend upon Prime Ministers and Presidents. Those who believe in democracy know that this future depends upon us.

And our goal?

"We must work with all our might for a world order under the rule of law. This seems to be our only hope. Humanity is one. We must act in the belief that no nation and no individual lives to himself alone and that all are members one of another."

\*Mackenzie King, House of Commons, Ottawa, December 17, 1945.

#### THE END

#### Action Is Commended

Commendation of the action which has been taken in recent weeks in the farmers' interest upon a number of important matters by President George E. Church of the U.F.A., was expressed by the Board of the U.F.A. Central Co-operative Assn., meeting in Calgary a few days ago. The Board specifically referred to Mr. Church's protests against the increase in the price of gasoline and the raising of the ceiling on farm machinery and implements by 12-1/2 per cent; and to his warning of the danger of inflationary measures which tend to increase seriously the farmers' cost of production and living.

#### FOR VICTORY PARADE

A great military display, searchlight display, floodlit warships, and a great night water display on the Thames, are planned for the Victory Parade in London, on June 8th.

For the farm orchard, fairly high ground on an east slope is the ideal location, says J. F. Moore, of the Beaverlodge Experimental Station.

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Belgium charges that Franco Spain is "hiding the Belgian quisling Leon Degrelle."



## Why Tweed?

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# Interests of The United Farm Women

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Dear Farm Women:

And how goes the house-cleaning and the gardening, for both seem associated with Spring? The former happily well over for many, I trust, and the latter also at a stage when you are seeing pleasing results.

There are other words or times or places which also seem connected in our minds. For instance, in some vague way do we not seem to associate the words "patriotic endeavor" with war years? But should that be the case? Should not equally patriotic endeavor be put forth at other times and in other connections?

### Opportunity for Patriotic Effort

For a patriotic endeavor is an effort, I take it, put forth in the interests of our country and our people. And there is abundant opportunity for that to continue; abundant opportunity and equally pressing need as in war time. Or if it take the word war to spur any on, the opportunity and the need to which I wish to refer is the war in the interests of the health of the people of our country.

During war years, probably those who were in most danger, those who were suffering the most directly from the enemy, bestirred themselves to a greater degree, for they saw and recognized the danger. They were spurred to greatest endeavor because of the stern facts which were driven home to them so intimately.

### Our High Infant Death-rate

On that same principle, I wonder if we realize that we, the people of Canada, are among those in most danger? Look at our infant death-rate per thousand, for instance, a loss of 54 per 1,000 live births. A loss greater than England and Wales, than the United States, the Netherlands, Australia, Switzerland, New Zealand or Sweden. Is there not room for patriotic endeavor that our country present a better bill of health than that? And we need but remind ourselves that Army, Navy, and Air Force dead, presumed to be dead and missing during World War Two was 41,000.

During that same period, infant losses (still-born and under 1 year of age) were 130,000. Does that look as though there should be lessened patriotic effort by our people?

And to show that we country people are in the front line of the danger zone, we need to remind ourselves that in Alberta 61.5 per cent of the population is rural and that the infant death rate per thousand in urban centres was 32, but that in rural areas it mounted to 59 per thousand. Rather sad figures which need to be driven home again and again. And particularly pathetic they are when we realize if we all bestirred ourselves they might be cut tremendously.

### Responsibility of Both Men and Women

But are we exerting that same patriotic effort as when we made quilts for the Red Cross, when we knitted, when we did all sorts of things to help our wounded, when we gave to all patriotic calls? And these were efforts not one begrudged but felt glad to be able to make contribution. I feel we cannot say so. We are not putting the thought, the effort, the work into this cause. There are some who stress it as a woman's cause. I do not. I think it is a cause where men and women should and will work hand in hand; but both are needed in the performance of this great patriotic duty.

But I shall have more to say on

this subject later, for even causes and calls so demanding take continuous stressing from many angles and from many sources.

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

Nineteen members paid dues in the new Hussar U.F.W.A., organized by Mrs. C. T. Armstrong, who was elected president. Mrs. E. C. Dettmer is secretary.

Reading of the bulletin "Food in Relation to Peace," at the last meeting of the Namao U.F.W.A., was followed by a spirited discussion on the farm production situation in general.

The program of a recent meeting of Nanton U.F.W.A., held in the Co-op rooms, included songs, readings, a report of the Red Cross Convention in Calgary, and a paper on juvenile delinquency and the Borstal system.

Roosevelt U.F.W.A. would like more classics dramatized on the radio; they also recommend travelogues being given early in the evening, and fairy tales for younger children about five p.m.

Willow Springs U.F.W.A. have contributed \$260 towards the new community hall which is being built in Bon Accord, writes Miss Martha Rafn, secretary. At a recent meeting, members enjoyed the resume of Dr. Laycock's lecture, prepared by Mrs. Stetson.

## Farm Home and Garden

**Oat Muffins:** To 1 cup cooked rolled oats add 2 tbs. melted fat, 1 egg, 1/2 cup milk. Sift together 1-1/2 cups flour, 1 tbs. sugar, 1/2 tsp. salt, 3 tsp. baking powder, and combine two mixtures. Bake in muffin pans for 25 to 30 minutes in moderately hot oven.

**Vegetable Pie:** To 1 cup thin white sauce add 1 cup each cooked carrots, potatoes (cut up) peas, string beans, 1 tbs. minced onion, salt and pepper. Cover with potato crust—1 cup hot mashed potatoes, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1 egg, 1/2 cup flour, 1 tsp. baking powder, 2 tbs. melted fat; combine and roll out. Bake in moderate oven, about 30 minutes.

**Belgian Baked Potatoes:** Prepare potatoes as for French frying; dip in hot fat and lay in shallow pan so that pieces do not overlap. Bake in a quick oven until brown on top, baste with hot fat, and turn. Sprinkle with salt and serve piping hot.

**Chocolate Souffle:** Blend 2 tbs. each butter and flour, 1/3 cup sugar, 2 tbs. cocoa; add 1 cup hot milk, then yolks of 3 eggs, 1/2 tsp. vanilla; fold in stiffly beaten whites of eggs, turn into buttered casserole and oven-poach 25 minutes.

**Wheat Germ Drops:** Cream 1/3 cup mild-flavored fat with 1/2 cup sugar, add 1 egg, 1/2 tsp. vanilla. Sift 1/2 cup flour with 1/2 tsp. each baking powder, cinnamon and salt; add to first mixture alternately with 1/4 cup milk; add 1/2 cup raisins, 1/2 cup wheat germ, 1 cup rolled oats. Drop from teaspoon on greased cookie sheet.

**Growing Healthy Chicks** by artificial means depends to some extent on points occasionally overlooked, says a bulletin from the Charlottetown Experimental Station. Lack of uniformity of temperature is a frequent

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# WHAT CAN YOU SPARE THAT THEY CAN WEAR?



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## Hope in Britain Comes with Spring

By MARION SLATER,  
British Journalist and Housewife

NOTE: Since the above most interesting article was written, reduction of British rations below wartime levels has taken place, in order that more may be spared for hungry Europe. No doubt, however, the British writer's appraisal of the spirit of Spring in Britain still remains valid.—A.T.S.

LONDON, Eng.—Whatever the cause, hope is burgeoning in the hearts of Britain's women.

Compared with pre-war days the situation is yet doleful; compared with pre-peace, it strides forward. Why! hairpins (once almost forgotten dreams) have re-appeared in the shops; combs and elastic are to be found on the barrows of street-vendors; an electric vacuum cleaner is actually advertised in the newspapers; an electric iron has appeared magically in a shop window; shops have some petrol for delivering goods and occasionally—very occasionally—a "daily help" can be found for 26d. to 3s.—an hour.

This may not seem much to those who have not suffered from lack of it; but it is surprising what a delighted sense of pleasure is given by such little signs of "returning to normal".

### London's First Dress Collections

There's a delicious sense of anticipation, too, in reading about the return of *haute couture* collections, even if they are only for export and even if old pre-war tweeds have sagged to look like potato bags. And London has recently given its first collection for years—a most lovely assembly of exquisite clothes, subtle and feminine

## EXPECTING LARGE NUMBERS AT FARM YOUNG PEOPLE'S WEEK

Information for Those Who Think  
of Going is Given Below

A large attendance is anticipated for Farm Young People's Week, to be held at the University, Edmonton, beginning June 6th, states Miss Eileen Birch, U.F.A. Secretary.

For southern delegates, arrangements have been made for a special bus, leaving the Greyhound Depot, Calgary, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday, June 5th; another special bus will bring the same delegates back to Calgary on June 14th. Return fare on this bus, Calgary to Edmonton, will be \$5.65. All taking this bus should buy return tickets, and advise the bus officials that they are delegates to Farm Young People's Week. Those planning to travel by this bus are asked to advise Miss Birch.

Those taking a bus on the first stage of their journey, to Calgary, should buy one-way tickets for that part of the journey, and secure a standard certificate, which will entitle them to return from Calgary to their homes for one-third the regular fare.

All delegates travelling by bus, other than the Calgary special bus, should buy one-way tickets and standard certificates.

Delegates planning to travel by train should advise the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton; if 75 or more do so, arrangements will be made to secure convention rates.

in design, superb in workmanship and finish, and of materials that do the greatest credit to the British textile industry, working under almost insuperable difficulties of labor shortage. Emphasised hips, slender waists, rounded shoulders and bosoms, a restrained elegance free from frivolity, mark these new British fashions, and Britain's women get a surprising amount of pleasure from reading about them, and day-dreaming of how they themselves will dress when clothes are "off the ration" once again.

Meanwhile the "family allowance" payable under the Family Allowances Act, part of Britain's great new scheme of National Insurance, will be paid weekly from August 6th. Every Tuesday from that date, every mother in Britain will be entitled to go along to the Post Office to claim her 5 shillings for each child after the first. And the Government expect some 2,500,000 applications from mothers for 4,500,000 children! Here is yet another cause for the general "brighter outlook".

### Liberal and Humane Measure

An admirable point in the scheme is the concession made to a woman who has lost her British

nationality by marrying an alien for, for the purposes of the allowance, she will be treated as though she were still a British subject. And if a father is working out of Britain, payments will still go to a mother who is bringing up the family in Britain. Similarly people who are not British subjects born in the United Kingdom will be entitled to the allowances if they show they have made their homes in Britain.

Altogether it is a most liberal and humane measure, and lays the foundation of a great development of social legislation—more of it to be shortly laid before Parliament—to ensure "freedom from want" in the British people.

### U.F.W.A. Local News

Following showing of a film on cancer, Energetic U.F.W.A. (Milk River) collected \$30.39 for the Cancer Fund.

### FARM HOME AND GARDEN

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source of trouble. Every effort should be made to see that the chicks are transferred from the hatchery to their brooder house without chilling or overheating; proper and uniform temperatures should be maintained, and all corners should be rounded off with boards or netting to prevent piling. Mould in mash should be constantly watched for; and overcrowding, another source of trouble, guarded against. Adequate space for day-old chicks soon becomes too little for rapidly growing birds.

Arrowwood U.F.W.A. recently realized over \$70 from a tea and sale.

Berrywater U.F.W.A. (Vulcan), are entertaining two social clubs of the neighborhood about the end of May, and have called a meeting for June 5th; to discuss purchase of the school building for a school centre.

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## The Western Farm Leader PATTERN DEPARTMENT



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**U.F.W.A. LOCAL NEWS**  
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Bassano U.F.W.A. recently presented a gold pin to Mrs. R. Lore, who is leaving the district.

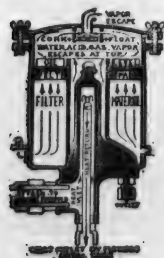
The "Welcome Home" Dance arranged by Conrich U.F.W.A. was a huge success, with twenty-two guests of honor.

The address of Mrs. Lehmann, director, was much enjoyed by a recent meeting of Iron Creek U.F.W.A. (Viking).

A social afternoon, with presentations to Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. J. Redmond and Mrs. F. C. Redmond, who are all leaving the district, was arranged recently by Sunnysvale U.F.W.A. (Heath).

A very good talk by Mrs. Lehman, Director, followed by a general discussion, made an interesting program at a recent meeting of Stettler-Warden U.F.W.A., writes Mrs. Abbie Payne, secretary.

Mrs. Pauline Heryford was elected president and Mrs. Alvin Sandquist secretary of Makepeace-Crowfoot U.F.W.A., organized recently by Mrs. Percy Powell.

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**Junior News Items**

Balzac Junior U.F.A. are sending four delegates to Farm Young People's Week again this year, Mabel Church, Stan Jones, Melvin Ralston and Margaret Whitnack being chosen, with Betty Starke as alternate.

Recently three members of Ministik Junior U.F.A. (Tosfield) reached the age of twenty-one, and each was presented with a gift. A dance, a whist drive, and a social meeting were successful gatherings recently sponsored by these young people.

Jim Huggard, Junior Director, and Keith Rosenberger, Junior President, are to be guest speakers at the June meeting of Conrich Juniors. It was decided at a recent meeting to send to Farm Young People's Week one member who had gone previously, and one who had not. Bruce Ellis and Audrey Ellis were chosen.

The roll call, "My Children's Favorite Radio Program," led to a spirited and enlightening discussion at the April meeting of Baintree U.F.W.A.

Thirty entries, in four age groups, gave a good program at the Amateur Night sponsored by Rainier U.F.W.A.; \$43 was cleared.

**Alberta Crop Situation**

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,  
Superintendent of Publicity,  
Alberta Wheat Pool

Crop conditions so far this season have been unpropitious. The Alberta Wheat Pool crop report of May 11th points out that there has been no rain of any importance during the entire spring. The progress of seeding on a Provincial basis: wheat 71 per cent; oats 31; barley 24; flax 22; rye 85. Practically all of the seed is in the ground in the southeast, and over 80 per cent in the southern districts. In the north, seeding is progressing apace, but the percentage sown varies from 30 up.

**Rain Needed**

The new crop is above the ground in the south, but is having quite a struggle. Rain is needed, as high winds have depleted the top soil of moisture and cut off the growing grain.

Conditions are somewhat better in central Alberta where seeding was later. The top layer of soil is dry and there has been some blowing, but the supply of subsoil moisture is fair to good.

In the Peace River district seeding is well advanced. The top soil is in good condition, but there is a much smaller supply of reserve moisture than usual in the sub-soil.

A good rain followed by a spell of warm weather would be welcome in all parts of Alberta.

**Feeders' Day June 8th**

Results of feeding experiments conducted during the past year will be reviewed and presented at the Annual Feeders' Day at the University of Alberta, June 8th. About 60 head of beef and dairy cattle, and over 100 swine have been included in feeding trials. The program will begin at the University Farm Pavilion, at 10 a.m., and a free noon lunch, barbecue style, will be served.

Oil portraits of three former U.F.A. Premiers of Alberta, Herbert Greenfield, J. E. Brownlee, K.C., LL.D., and R. G. Reid, are being painted and will be hung in the Legislative Buildings at Edmonton.

Since the United Kingdom can buy beef from the Argentine at much lower prices than from Canada—"about half", according to one authority, it is considered doubtful that that market will be open to Canadian beef producers after the next few years. It is expected, however, state officials of the British Food Ministry that all the Canadian beef that can be shipped will be required this year, and in 1947 and possibly in 1948; after that, price will be a determining factor.

UNRRA is aiding 45 centres set up in Poland to care for repatriates.

**Livestock Markets Review**

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, May 14th.—Cattle market active at steady prices. Hogs sold last \$18.75, Grade A, yards and plants; sows \$12.75 live-weight. No lambs sold to date this week; last price \$12.50. Good to choice butcher steers \$11.50 to \$12.25, common down to \$10.50; good to choice heifers \$10.75 to \$11.50, common down to \$9.50; good to choice fed calves \$11.25 to \$11.75, common down to \$10; good cows \$9.25 to \$9.50, common down to \$8; canners, cutters, \$4.50 to \$7; good bulls \$9.25 to \$10, common down to \$8; good to choice veal calves \$11.50 to \$12.50, common down to \$10. Good stocker feeder steers \$10 to \$10.50, common down to \$8.50.

**Dairy Market**

Canadian stocks of butter show a very considerable drop from those of last year. At May 1st, the total was 6,847,612 pounds, as compared with 12,675,821 pounds on May 1st, 1945. Production in this Province, however, is now showing a marked improvement. Prices are unchanged; first grade prints are 40 cents, butterfat 38 cents, plus 10 cents subsidy. Outside quotations are: Montreal and Toronto, 40 cents. Vancouver 39-1/2 cents.

**Correspondence****A MESSAGE**

Editor, Western Farm Leader:

Please allow us to express sincere thanks for knowledge gained through your valuable paper for many years; also to the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. for the chance they have given both of us to keep pace with the many changes necessary in a constantly changing world. Through these organizations we have made many sincere and valued contacts all over Alberta. May you all have the success you so richly deserve. We shall be watching from across the line and hope to return now and then for a visit among you.

R. H. and CORA J. KERNS.

Walla Walla, Wash.

(Note: After farming in the Acme district for some thirty-five years, Mr. and Mrs. Kerns left recently to take up residence near Walla Walla, Washington. Their active interest in all public questions and their cordial support of the organized farm movement in its many branches were unflagging and they will be very greatly missed in Alberta. During the war, four sons served with Canadian and American armed forces; one of them, Ralph, a paratrooper, who lost his life in the Sicilian campaign, was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart. Their friends are glad to know that Mr. and Mrs. Kerns will be returning to Alberta from time to time.)

Herbert Hoover is going to South America to seek aid in meeting the world food crisis.

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latter by means of a giant Roto-Clone and network of dust control system. A vast ventilating network changes the foundry atmosphere from "night" to "day". In all respects the foundry is ultra-modern.



## A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary

**Farmers' Holiday, June 21st.**—"Be it resolved that the 21st day of June be observed every year as 'Farmers' Day' throughout Canada."

This resolution was first passed at the annual meeting of the Alberta Farmers' Union held in Edmonton on November 27th-30th, 1945. Following this meeting it was endorsed by United Farmers of Alberta, the Alberta Federation of Agriculture and finally by the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.

This day is not set aside as a statutory holiday; but there is no reason why the farmers of Alberta, or for that matter all of Canada, cannot make this a holiday. There is no reason why the farmers and their families cannot lay down their tools of production and invite their urban friends to share a day with them at the local picnic grounds or community centre.

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Besides sports and recreation, there can be a review of the farmers' activities, his problems, his hopes and ambitions. And there can be thanksgiving by all for a job well done, because at no time during the strenuous war years could any one point a finger at the farmer and say, "too little and too late".

It is the intention of the Weekly Newspapers across Canada to sponsor during this week a "Salute to Agriculture." This support, along with picnics and farm gatherings, will make our people and the people of the world realize the importance of agriculture to world peace. It may be the laying of a corner stone for a truly national holiday. Who knows?

**Farm Forum Conference.**—A joint meeting of the Canadian Association for Adult Education, Farm Radio Forum, and National Film Board, will be held in Kingston, Ontario, May 20th to 24th, 1946.

Miss Eileen Birch and the writer plan to attend this conference, along with Donald Cameron, Director of Extension, University of Alberta, and also Frank Peers of the same Department.

Two days of the meeting have been set aside for the Farm Forum representatives to discuss plans and programs for the 1945-1946 season.

**Farm Leaders Meet.**—On April 30th Mr. Hutchinson, President of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, met with Mr. Church, President of the United Farmers of Alberta, and Mr. Stimpfle, President of the Alberta Farmers' Union, to discuss the ever increasing danger of inflation. The meeting was in full accord that every effort must be made to maintain stable prices, but if any degree of inflation is to be allowed, it must apply to the farmers' produce on the same basis as the things he must buy.

The meeting supported the action of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture in asking for a Parliamentary Committee to review price relations of agriculture and industry, and if steps are not taken, or if further increases are allowed to industry, Alberta is prepared to send a delegation along with the other Provincial Federations to Ottawa to defend the farmers' position.

### BETWEEN FRIENDS

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conclusion of the meeting we were asked to come again in July, which made us feel that our efforts to put over our message was appreciated.

I always come away from these A.F.U. meetings in a very disturbed frame of mind, and to be perfectly frank, I do not like the glib way in which the word strike is passed around. Nobody knows better than ourselves that the Federal Government lacks wise counsel in the framing of many policies concerning the Dairy Industry of this Dominion, and the farmer has good cause to be indignant at the apparent lack of consideration shown him. The people who too often gain the ear of the Government do so because of their tremendous financial strength.

It is plainly our duty to exert our influence upon the Government at Ottawa through the strength of our Farm organizations. It is the plain duty of every man on the farm in his own interests and for the well being of the great agricultural industry upon which the prosperity of our Dominion so largely rests, to become an active and loyal supporter of his own organization.

As we pointed out in the last issue, the man who is planning today to meet the situation as it may appear tomorrow, is the man who is going to be in a sound position to meet the change in agricultural values, which is bound to come.

It has been our purpose in this column to try to point the way for our friends, and we will continue to do so, until we feel that everything that the written word can do has been done.

### Not In Farmers' Best Interests

Everywhere we go we hear talk of cutting down production and in some instances we have seen evidence that

this has already been done. The curtailing of production at this time is a dangerous policy and one that is inimical to the farmers best interests. We should be planning increased production at this time all along the line. Increased production, produced more efficiently with less labor. How can the Dairyman do this? By studying the Eight-Point Program which is appearing issue by issue in *The Western Farm Leader*.

This program shows the way many of our friends have already started on their plans to achieve more production at less cost and labor by culling out their milk herds, and one man I know is now producing as much milk at less cost from ten good cows as he was producing from his original herd of fourteen; he saves on feed and labor.

By growing a sufficient acreage of tame hay and legumes which will provide his herd with a first class feed at a lower cost over wild hay.

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Yes, friends, we must first put our own affairs on a sounder basis and face the situation today sanely. The strike is a game in which there are NO winners. It brings misery and hardship to thousands of innocent people and is something that should never be instituted, before every possible alternative has been examined. Have we as individuals done everything we can to provide our farm organizations with an alternative course of action?

Think about it, Friends!

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## Alberta Wheat Pool

Dean R. D. Sinclair of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Alberta, has been elected a director of the Agricultural Institute of Canada.

### CATTLE INCREASE IN U.S.S.R.

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By SYDNEY MAY

Hello, Folks!

Postcard from Cynical Gus indicates that in these days of atomic energy there's a danger that the whole world will go boom.

And speaking of old age pensions, isn't it a case, asks Crusty Bill, of never was so little done for so many.

Ah well, Crusty, don't forget that the old stagers are not sufficient to offset the baby bonus voters and no doubt the government keeps that in mind.

Wonder if Prime Minister King thinks the present old age pit-

tance is a redemption of his pledge—vide the Atlantic Charter—of "Freedom from want"?

Honeymoon Boom at Niagara Falls—headline in the *Albertan*. Oh, hum, muses Wally, our incurable bach., the depression will come later.

Once upon a time, chortles Knotty Frankie, Ottawa was known as Bytown, but to a lot of wartime bureaucrats is has become Good-bye town.

"I've been called a liar twenty times by C.C.F. organizers."—Agriculture Minister Gardiner Gosh, Jimmy, these C.C.F. organizers must be slipping.

We see that Premier Manning told Ottawa that the three cent Federal gasoline tax should be earmarked for roads. Yep, and so should every nickel collected from motorists.

Li'l Goldilocks, our office vamp, says Knotty Frankie is a hard boiled guy. Maybe, Goldie, that's because he's in hot water so often.

Mary of Carbon wants to know who this guy Barabash is that's been running this column for us occasionally. Our special Sixth Street North East, Calgary correspondent reports as follows:

Name: Walter Barabash.

Born: Why? Oh, it's just one of those things.

Hobby: Writing (you know for that guy Sydney May.)

Ambition: Who knows what he'll become.

Pastime: Telling corny jokes (and we mean corny).

And the Bad Egg of Crow's Nest, after attending a party at Lethbridge, is fully convinced that next day should henceforth be known as the mourning after the night before.

We see by the papers that 51 per cent of Canadians earn less than \$1000 a year. Wonder how much their income should be before we reach the inflation period?

According to the *Saskatchewan Farmer*, the average human thigh bone can support a weight of one and a half tons without breaking. So Li'l Goldilocks won't have to go on a diet after all.

Now that Canada is to have a new flag a lot of folks are wondering what was the matter with the one so many of our best and bravest fought and died for.

It's just too bad *The News* of Toronto has gone out of business. It was about the only paper from which we could really get "the news" of Toronto.

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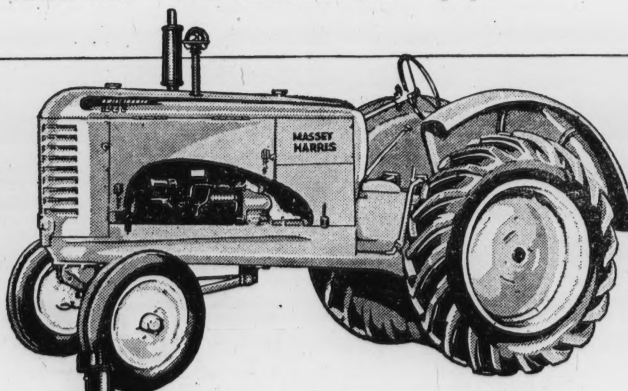
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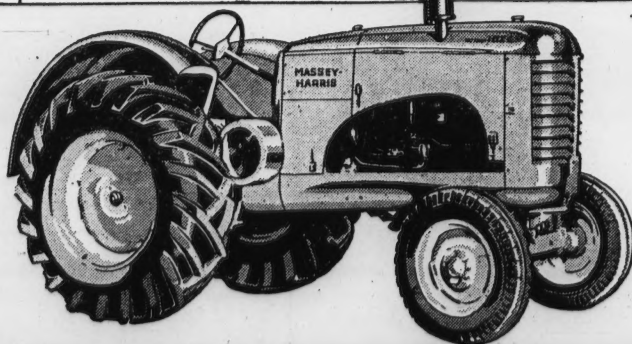
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#### OTTAWA LETTER—(from page 1)

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#### Sawfly Resistant Wheat Experiments

Intensive breeding, it is stated, is being carried out in government farms, of wheat that is resistant to wheat stem sawfly, which has become a menace particularly in southern sections of Alberta. The cereal division of the Department of Agriculture has turned out the "Rescue" type of wheat, which resists sawfly, but the fact is that for the present this wheat is accepted only as grade 3. The work of investigation is, however, going on rapidly as possible. This year quite a considerable part of the area troubled with sawfly is being sown in coarse grains. This information comes from the experimental farms.

The part that Canada will play in months from the fall on in the great humanitarian task of helping to feed the needy peoples of the world will naturally depend to a great extent on the coming crops of wheat and coarse grains. The soil content of moisture, it is stated, is not too good, but it will be the attitude of nature in June that will tell the tale. Good rains in June will help to replenish stocks of wheat and coarse grains.

Earlier this month the life of the Combined Food Board was extended by the United Kingdom, the United States and Canada from June 30th, when it expected its usefulness would be ended, until December 31st, 1946. This action was taken, as announced by Mr. Mackenzie King for Canada, because "of the deterioration that has occurred in the world food situation in recent months and the need to control the distribution of many foods with a view to preventing the widespread suffering and starvation. The question of whether it will be necessary to continue the Board beyond the end of the year will be reviewed after the food outlook for 1947 becomes clearer." Herbert Morrison is now in Washington discussing with the Board the urgent need of South-east Asia.

#### Dairy Cattle Herds and Exports

The extent of the herds of dairy cattle in Canada was described to the House of Commons by Agricultural Minister J. G. Gardiner, when answering a question about whether the policy of exporting dairy cattle was a good one. The number of dairy cattle exported in 1941 was 13,719, the highest figure since 1929. There was a rapid increase since 1941 until 1945, when exports were 47,354.

At the same time the number of dairy cattle on the farms has also risen. In June, 1941, the number totalled 3,623,900, and by the end of 1945 it was very slightly over 4,000,000. Production of milk per cow has also increased, the total in 1940 being 15,999,000 and in 1945 it was 17,618,000,000 lbs.

In relation to beef cattle, another question is involved. By agreement in 1936, renewed in 1939, half the duty in U.S. was taken off, that is, it was reduced from 3 to 1-1/2 cents per pound, and under that agreement we were sending 193,000 beef cattle weighing over 700 pounds to the United States. Under the urgent demands of war, when Canada and United Kingdom were engaged in the conflict while U.S. was not, the plan for sending beef to Britain was evolved, and in 1945 between 400,000 and 500,000 cattle were shipped to Britain, (including 126,000,000 lbs. in cans) compared with 193,000 to U.S. at the beginning of the war.

Britain, Mr. Gardiner explained, is anxious to get all the beef we can ship, and is not dickering in any way about the price. "If we are desirous of raising the prices to where there is no control at all," Mr. Gardiner explained, "then I suppose the price in Canada would go as high as the bid from either Britain or the U.S. for beef. If we permitted that to happen, we would consume what we desired here; the Americans would get whatever they could at whatever price they might pay, and the British would have to take what was left."